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## Letter from Maggie R. [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1888 Sep 29.

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Collyer, Kansas, Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 1888

My Dear Brother John

I thought  
I would put in a few lines  
to you with this morning  
we have not heard from any  
of you since we saw sister Anne  
I would have written before, but  
but thought perhaps you was still  
away off, on your tour of investiga-  
-tion, relating to the great work  
you have undertaken. I suppose  
it is impossible for me to  
form any conception of the  
hard labor & thought & time  
it will cost you, but it will  
be grand, when accomplished.

I hope your health has  
been benefited by your trip.  
for I am afraid, you are work-  
-ing too awful hard.

I Thank you John & Louie  
 for Those beautiful Pictures of  
 Wanda & Helen. They look  
 sweet & pretty. You were fortu-  
 -nate in getting such good ones.  
 & Sister A. says They are "perfect  
 likenesses" if I only had a good  
 one of Louie. & yourself now I would  
 be satisfied. I have a good one of  
 you John. in your Mountain suit  
 but I would like one in a dress  
 suit too. There is no end to me. is  
 there? — we were so glad  
 to see Sister Annie looking  
 so much better. & she seems  
 to feel so much stronger. I  
 was sorry she could not stay  
 longer with us. she only stayed a  
 week with us & about the same  
 length of time in Lincoln. A letter  
 from Joanna hurried her on, as I was  
 visiting at Mother & Sarah's at the time

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 I know  
 you are very  
 busy, but  
 will hope  
 for a few  
 lines from  
 you soon  
 Tell Wanda  
 I am looking  
 for a good  
 place from  
 her too. It  
 is - it is her  
 turn to  
 write  
 M. H. R.

I wanted to see as much of her, as  
 possible before she went home  
 how much Mother enjoyed having  
 so many of her children with her  
 this summer.

I have been here  
 in Kansas, with Jim & Harry for  
 about five weeks. They have  
 been living here alone & cooking  
 for themselves for some time,  
 & I thought I could help them  
 & a change might do me good.  
 I was quite sick before I came &  
 since, but begin to feel better  
 now. It is quiet enough here  
 don't see any one hardly but  
 our own folks. Things about us  
 seem much like beginning the  
 world again, in the old log house.

The country looks rather dreary. Everything looks brown & sore except a little around the creek. There has been no rain to do any good <sup>here</sup> since May. The Creek & a good many springs, which are quite near the house, make me often think of Fountain Lake, but there is not a tree in the landscape, hardly anything but buffalo grass, & it is wonderful how the horses can live, & some of them grow fat on the brown stuff.

Give my kind regards to Doctor & Mrs. Strutzel.

& with much love to yourself & Louie & The Children.

I am as ever.

affectionately  
Maggie R.

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